Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 04 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 05 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 04 Mar 2023 at 02:34 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of any cloud breaks on Saturday and Sunday. High for a change to bitterly cold weather with snow from Monday onwards.

Headline for Saturday 04 Mar 2023: Cold and often cloudy, a few snow showers across the Cairngorms

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 04 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	20%	20%	20%	20%

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Weather: A lot of cloud expected through the day, thick enough to give a few light snow showers across the Monadhliath and Cairngorms. Elsewhere apart from the odd light snow flurry it will be dry. Best of any cloud breaks likely towards Rannoch Moor and Ben Alder but very low confidence in this aspect.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, very low confidence for breaks in the cloud but these most likely in the southwest of the area.

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 700 and 900 metres shrouding the summits, and the eastern Cairngorms may see some patchy cloud down to 500 metres. Very good visibility outside of cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	24/31 NW	17/21 NW	13/17 N	11/14 NW	11/14 NW	10/13 NW	10/12 W
900	16/18 N	12/14 NW	8/11 N	7/10 NW	7/9 N	6/8 W	7/9 W
600	5/6 NW	4/6 W	5/8 NW	4/7 NW	4/6 N	4/6 NW	4/7 W
300	1/4 W	1/4 SE	3/6 N	3/6 NW	3/7 N	3/5 NW	2/6 SW
Glen	2/12 W	2/9 NW	3/8 N	3/8 NW	3/7 N	2/6 NW	2/8 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-13	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10
900	-1/-8	-1/-6	-1/-5	-1/-4	-1/-5	-1/-5	-2/-5
600	0/-2	0/-2	1/-1	2/-1	1/-1	1/-1	0/-2
300	1/-0	1/0	3/2	4/3	3/2	2/1	2/0
Glen	1/-0	1/0	4/3	5/5	4/3	2/2	2/1
Freezing Level*	400m	600m	700m	700m	700m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add

Forecast for Sunday 05 Mar 2023
Weather: A cloudy day with sleet or snow showers, these becoming somewhat more frequent from the north through the afternoon and evening.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 20 mph, gusts to 30 mph in and around showers on the higher tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, best chance in the southwest of the area where some brief breaks in the cloud possible.

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, briefly down to 450 metres across the north of the area as showers pass by.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 rising to 5 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: 600 to 800 metres, perhaps falling to 400 metres in the far east later

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